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Dr McMillin
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Dear Dr McMillin

Re: Claire Roberts, [REDACTED] 10.1.87

Claire was seen at Outpatients on 11 September at the age of 2 years and 8 months.

Her mother tells me that she has had no further convulsions but on 2 or 3 occasions she snorted in her sleep and one would wonder if this was a mild episode.

I have not suggested any alteration in her anticonvulsant therapy at present i.e. 2.5 mls b.d.

Her mother will inform me should there be any further episodes.

Her appetite is good and she is gaining in weight. There are no problems with her general health.

Her mother feels that there has been some improvement, especially with her speech and general understanding. She works hard with Claire and there continue to be some behavioural difficulties.

On clinical examination today I did not detect any evidence of infection.

FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT: It was extremely difficult to gain Claire's concentration on a task. She flits around the clinic from object to object. Her eye contact with the play material is difficult to achieve. On observing what was achieved at the last clinic session I have little else to report. She can slot rings in an incorrect order, she replace shapes if directed and she built a few blocks.

SPEECH DEVELOPMENT: There are more stereotyped phrases. "No more bricks" was heard today during the session. Her mother reports sentences such as "No more sandwiches... Up on knee :: that's nice" etc. She also mimics a few new words. She still tends to communicate by behaviour. Her single word vocabulary is good. She is labelling pictures well but her articulation is poor. Receptive speech - she plays with miniatures and obeyed simple commands such as "Give drink to mummy". She did not understand the tea-pot etc. Her mother states she does understand body parts but would not co-operate today.

In summary Claire is a 32 month old child with a past history of convulsions and developmental delay. She is continuing to make slow progress and I intend reviewing her at the Assessment Clinic in 2 months' time. She will be introduced to the Psychoogist at that time as it seems likely she will require special schooling. Her mother has her on the waiting list for Castlereagh Nursery which indeed does take children with special needs.

Yours sincerely

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